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EXDIS E.O. 11652: GUS TAGS: DVIP (FORU, GERALD) PEOR CH SUBJECT: TENG HSIAO-PING COMMENTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

- VICE PREMIER TENG HSTAR-PING HOSTED A FAREWELL LUNCHEON DECEMBER & FOR USED CHIEF AND MRS. BUSH IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE (HUNA HAS REPORTED ONLY THAT TENG "MET" THE BUSHES). THIS UNUSUAL GESTURE BY TENG FOR A DEPARTING CHIEF OF MISSION IS BEING WIDELY--AND WE THINK CORRECTLY--INTERPRETED IN PEKING CIPLUMATIC CIRCLES AS (1) ANOTHER INDICATION OF CHINESE PLEASUPE WITH THE RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND (2) A MARK OF THE PRO LEADERSHIP'S ESTEEM FOR BUSH PERSONALLY.
- 2. TENG BEGAN THE PRE-LUNCHEON CONVERSATION BY COMMENTING THAT THIS HAS "AN INFORMAL LUNCHEON TO SHOW OUR GOOD RELATIONS." SOON AFTERWARDS HE SAID, "THE RESULT OF YOUR PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO CHINA IS GREATER THAN HE EXPECTED. EVEN YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE FFELS THE SAME MAY."
- 3. AT THE TABLE TENS REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO BUSHIS "PROMUTION," AND AT ONE POINT OFFERED A TUAST TO IT.
- THE ATMUSPHERE OF THE LUNCHERN WAS RELAXED AND CONVIVIAL. TENG SHOKES LESS THAN USUAL AND FUREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA PRACTICED HIS QUITE GOOD ENGLISH (AT UNE POINT CALLING ACROSS THE TABLE TO AUDRESS USED CHIEF AS "GEORGE"). REMINISTING ABOUT THE LUNG HARCH, TENG REMARKED THAT HE HAD BEEN 31 AT THE TIME, BUT THAT A GREAT MANY ON THE MARCH HAD BEEN YOUNGER THAN HE, IN

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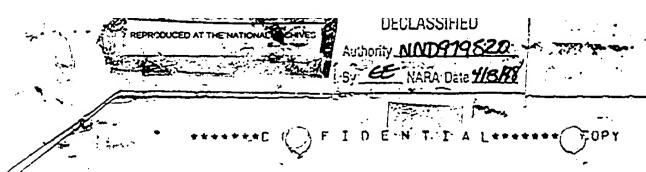
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THEIR THENTIES. (HE MAY HAVE HANTED TO MAKE THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE LONG MARCHERS AROUND FOR A GOOD WHILE YET.) TENG SPOKE PROUDLY OF HEING FROM SZECHUAN, AND SAID THAT IN THE PAST HE HAD TRIED TO VISIT HIS HOME PROVINCE AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. WHEN BUSH REMARKED THAT THE CUISINE OF HUNAN (MAU'S HOME PROVINCE) HAS, LIKE SZECHUAN'S, VERY HOT, TENG RESPONDED HUMDHOUSLY THAT HUNAN COOKING WAS ONLY A SUB-SCHOOL OF SZECHUAN COOKING, THOUGH HE SUPPOSED THAT IN SAYING SO HE LEFT HINSELF OPEN TO THE CHARGE OF BEING A "GREAT PROVINCE."

5. CHINESE ATTENDING THE LUNCH RESIDED TENG AND CHIND MERCALL MFA DEFICIALS: PROTOCOL DIRECTOR CHU CHUAN-HSIEN AND DEPUTED DIRECTOR TANG LUNG-PING AND AMERICAS AND UCEANIA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LIN PING PLUS LIN'S PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATERS V DEALING WITH US AFFAIRS INCLUDING TANG WEN-SHENG (NANCY TANG). ONLY NOTABLE ABSENCE WAS THAT OF VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG. MANG, HOMEVER, HAD FARLIER HOSTED A FORMAL FARENELL LUNCHEON FOR THE BUSHES.

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